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Suggested Changes to Draft Presidential Statement on Rwanda

After paragraph 5, which ends "...to take appropriate measures to ensure that international efforts to assist the situation in Rwanda are carried out in an effective and coordinated manner." please insert the following paragraphs:

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"Specifically, the Security Council requests that the Secretary General consult the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] on measures to provide humanitarian assistance to those displaced persons congregated along the borders with Tanzania, Uganda, Zaire and Burundi. The Security Council further requests that the Secretary General provide an assessment of the security requirements for those displaced persons and for providing such large-scale assistance, and make recommendations to the Council for meeting these requirements.

The Security Council calls on all member states to assist the UNHCR and other humanitarian and relief agencies operating in the area in meeting the urgent humanitarian needs in Rwanda and its bordering states. The Council calls on states bordering Rwanda, working with the OAU, to provide appropriate protection to aid refugees and to facilitate transfer of goods and supplies to meet the needs of the displaced persons within Rwanda."

end text.

After current paragraph 6, which ends "It calls on the parties to allow the airport to be kept open at all times as required by UNAMIR." please add the following paragraphs:

begin text:

"The Security Council calls on all Rwandan parties to guarantee the protection of displaced persons and refugees inside Rwanda and to ensure safe passage for humanitarian assistance.

The Security Council requests the Secretary General request the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner investigate reports of human rights abuses and atrocities in Rwanda during the conflict. "

end text.

In paragraph 7, after the first sentence that ends "...does not affect adversely the security and stability of neighboring countries." please add the following sentence:

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"It requests that the Secretary General work with UNHCR, the OAU and the states in the region to take such preventive diplomatic steps as may be necessary in Burundi to prevent the spread of violence and human rights abuses to that state."

end text.

Finally, in the last paragraph, please delete the middle portion of the last sentence so that it will read:

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"It also reiterates its readiness to consider promptly any other recommendations that the Secretary General might make for assisting the situation in Rwanda."

end text.

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